

Introduction

The State of California has been without an official home for its Governor since 1967, when the former residence, located at 16th and H Streets, was vacated for health and safety reasons. Over the years, there have been many attempts by elected officials, the Legislature, and private interests to build a residence to accommodate the needs of a demanding public office and the private life of California's Governor and First Family.

California is the seventh largest economy in the world. It is the most populated state in the nation and the third largest in geographic size. California is the birthplace and home of the world's entertainment and technology industries, yet it is one of only six states without an official residence for our highest-ranking public official.

The Commission was staffed by the State and Consumer Services Agency and the Department of General Services, Division of Real Estate Services. They have worked diligently to prepare the research and findings contained in this report. While the Commission has met publicly nine times, numerous other meetings and interviews have been conducted with California's First Ladies, local groups, state historians, architectural preservationists, and local officials to ensure that the rich history, architectural heritage, and social fabric of our State is appropriately considered and addressed.

The Commission considered 36 sites and eliminated all except two sites due to significant security, community, and other concerns. However, because four sites were reviewed in greater detail before the final Commission vote, for the benefit of the Legislature, this report provides information on the four sites. Detailed information on the four sites is presented in this report, without a formal recommendation. All of the four sites have positive attributes and drawbacks. There is no single site, of those considered, that is ideal in every respect for the Residence.



The need for a Governor's Residence remains unquestionable, and the Commission has been strongly committed to a residence that will endure the architectural test of time and one that is worthy of the stature and prominence of this great State.

